

Corona del Mar High School Proposed Stadium Project

You have likely heard of the proposed stadium at Corona del Mar High School, and as a result you may have questions regarding the project. Provided below are answers to the questions that the City of Newport Beach has been frequently asked.*

What has the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Board of Education approved?

On September 24, 2013, the Board of Education of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) authorized a funding budget of \$7.4 million for the stadium project. The proposed project is envisioned to include an all-weather field and track and seating for up to 1,000 spectators. The NMUSD Board of Education (School Board) also authorized NMUSD staff to work with stakeholders to fund and include other support elements to the project, subject to subsequent approval by the School Board.



What is the next step in the process?

NMUSD will take the necessary steps to select an architectural firm to design the stadium project. It is anticipated that NMUSD staff will send out a Request for Proposals by December 6, 2013 and that on January 28, 2014, the School Board will select an architectural firm.

Will NMUSD or the City of Newport Beach be responsible for reviewing and approving the stadium project?

NMUSD will be responsible for reviewing and taking action on the proposed stadium project. If approved by the School Board, the California Division of the State Architect will review the construction plans as well as be responsible for issuing building permits. The City of Newport Beach will be responsible for issuing any required grading permits. Pursuant to State law, the School Board may render the City's Zoning Ordinance inapplicable to the stadium project.

Will an environmental assessment of the stadium project be conducted?

Yes. In conjunction with the School Board's review and prior to taking any action on the stadium project, NMUSD will need to comply with California Environmental Quality Act.

Should the NMUSD elect to be the "lead agency" in the environmental assessment process, NMUSD will be required to prepare and circulate the draft environmental document for public review and comment. In its role of a "responsible agency", the City of Newport Beach will carefully review and comment on the environmental document to ensure that the following issues are addressed: traffic, parking, lighting, noise, water quality, drainage, grading, construction-related activities, neighborhood compatibility, and other land use concerns.

Where can I get more information?

Should you have any questions, you may contact NMUSD Public Information Officer Laura Boss. Laura may be reached at 714-424-5070 or at lboss@nmusd.us.